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Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003 (Paper No. 11). This Office Action, in the form of a restriction requirement set a one month period for response. A Petition requesting a one month extension of time accompanies this response which is being filed on or before its now current due date of August 30, 2003. As August 30, 2003 and August 31, 2003 are Saturday and Sunday respectively and September 1, 2003 is a holiday in the District of Columbia, the due date for response is extended to September 2, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

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